

# COVID-19

## Behaviours

(April 2021 RESULTS)

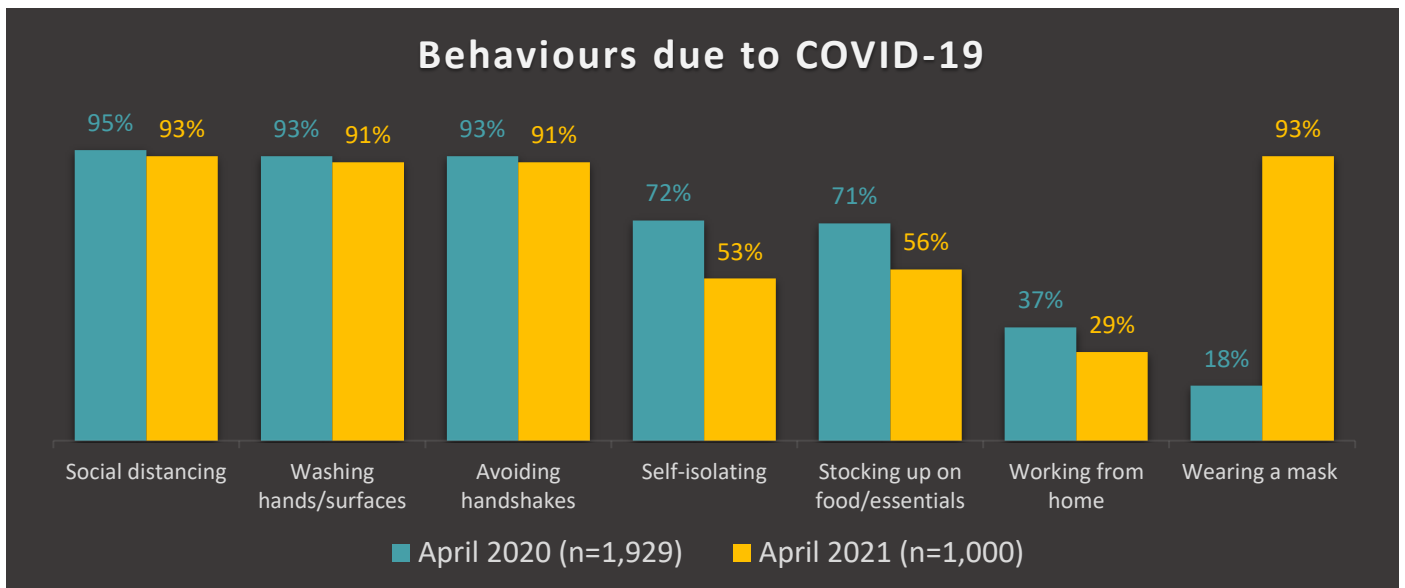


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### Manitobans are maintaining pandemic behaviours.

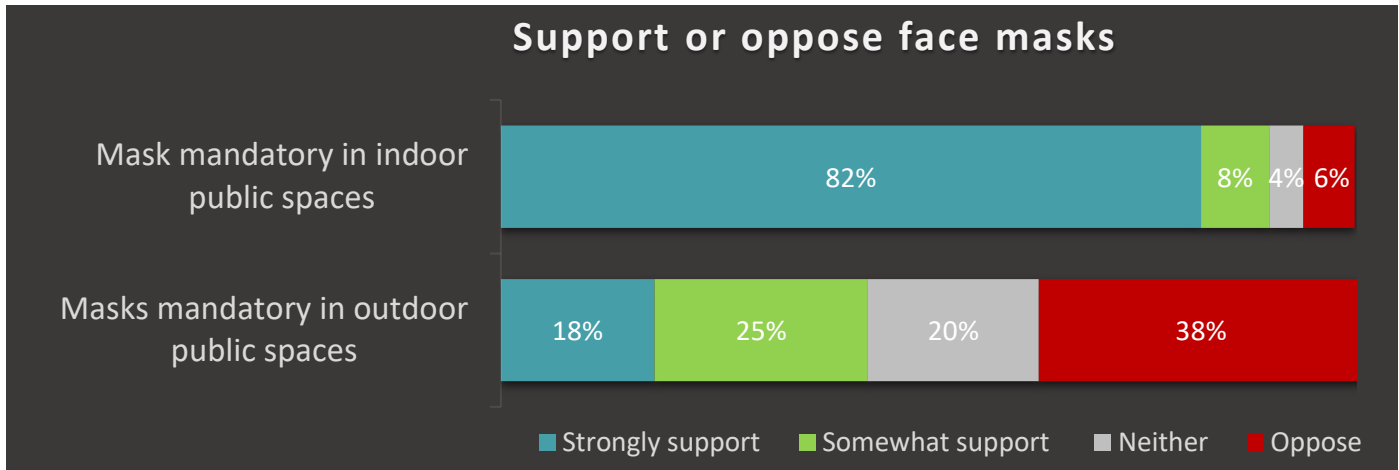
After more than one year, Manitobans continue to maintain many recommended behaviours to reduce the spread of COVID-19. Over time, Manitobans have maintained social distancing, washing of hands and surfaces, and avoiding handshakes. Compared to a year ago, fewer are self-isolating, stocking up on essentials, or working from home. However, with the change in recommendations around face masks, the vast majority of Manitobans are now wearing face masks in indoor public spaces.



## Manitobans continue to support the use of face masks indoors.

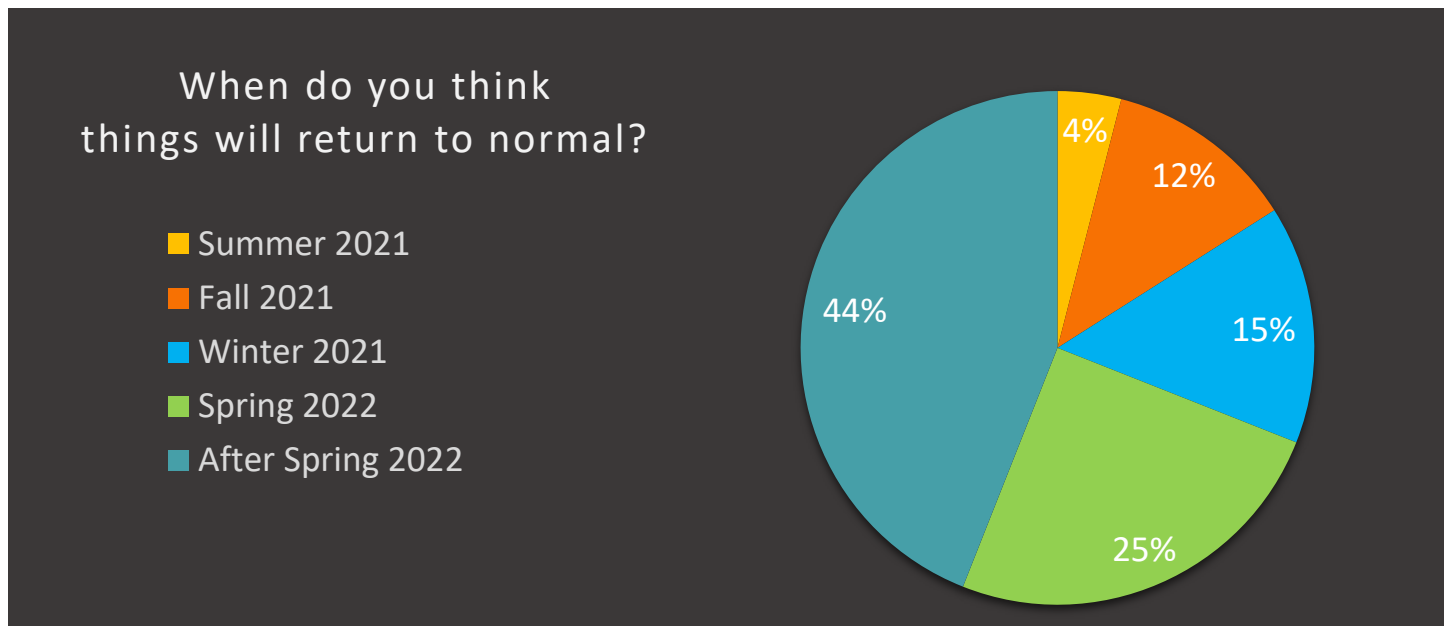
The vast majority of Manitobans support the use of face masks indoors. Indeed, 90% strongly (82%) or somewhat (8%) support this requirement. While Winnipeggers (95%) are more likely than those living outside the city (81%) to support the mandatory use of face masks, the vast majority in both regions support this measure.

Fewer support the mandatory use of masks in outdoor public spaces. That being said, 43% of Manitobans support such a measure compared to 38% who oppose it.



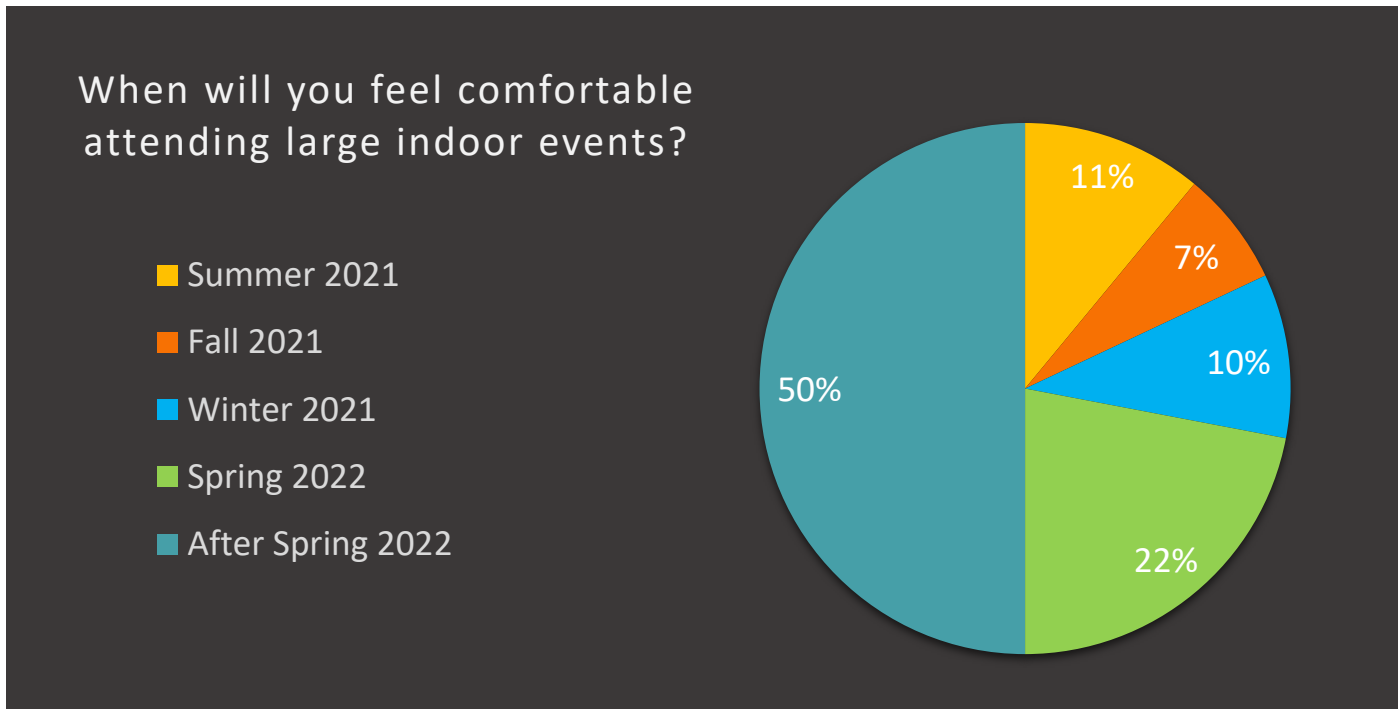
## Back to “normal” could be a year away.

Manitobans do not see things getting back to normal for at least a year. Almost 7 in 10 Manitobans believe that things will return to normal in the spring of 2022 (25%) or sometime after that (44%).



As a result, Manitobans do not see themselves attending large indoor events for quite a while. Again, 7 in 10 say that they do not think they will feel comfortable attending such events until the spring of 2022 (22%) or later (50%).

Older Manitobans are more hesitant compared to their younger cohorts, but, in all age groups, a majority say that they will not feel comfortable attending large indoor events until at least the spring of 2022.



## METHODOLOGY

PRA conducted the survey from April 13–16, 2021, using its Manitoba Panel. In total, 1,000 Manitobans completed the survey.

Because this sample is a non-probability sample, no error rate can be calculated. A random population survey of this size would yield an error rate of  $\pm 3.2\%$  (19 times out of 20).

As any sample may not represent the population perfectly, PRA corrects statistically for discrepancies in gender, age, and income to ensure that the sample corresponds as closely as possible to Statistics Canada information.

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